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Election/Restrictions

1. The amendment filed on 9/15/08 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). As disclosed in the Office Action mailed 5/30/08 group II, claim(s) 84-100, 102, 105 and 108, is drawn to: obtaining a count result by counting number of occurrence of a character string included in a text data; acquiring correspondence information associating the number of occurrence of the character string and animation data; determining animation data that corresponds to said count result by referring to said correspondence information; writing acquired animation data to a prescribed memory area; writing text data to said prescribed memory area; displaying animation data and text having been written to said prescribed memory area to be overlapped with each other. The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention (group II) as said claims are not drawn to: obtaining a count result by counting number of occurrence of a character string included in a text data; acquiring correspondence information associating the number of occurrence of the character string and animation data; determining animation data that corresponds to said count result by referring to said correspondence information.

It is noted that the requirement of unity of invention shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding "special technical features," wherein "special technical features"

shall mean those technical features that define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art (MPEP § 1.475).

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